GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Expenditure on Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure on education in the country as percentage of Gross Domestic Product(GDP) at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to raise public spending in education to the desired level of percentage of GDP;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has urged the State Governments to increase fund allocation for education in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): As per publication 'Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education' of Ministry of Human Resource Development, public expenditure on education as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year 2014-15 is 4.04%.

To increase investments in the infrastructure of higher educational institutions, the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been started with an initial capital base of Rs. 300 crores. The HEFA has been incorporated under Company Act, 2013 and would mobilize debt/Bond funds from the market to finance improvement in infrastructure and research facilities in the higher educational institutions. The loans would be serviced through the internal accruals of the institutions.

(d) & (e): With the devolution of more funds to States as recommended by the 14th Finance Commission, States have been advised to prioritize allocations of funds to Education Sector.
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